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In re Application of:

Thomas et al.

Serial No. 10/022,016

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For

**DUAL-LID CIGARETTE** 

CONTAINER AND METHOD OF PACKAGING CIGARETTES

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## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir.

In reply to the Office Action dated December 30, 2003, Applicants have timely filed this Amendment by Certificate of Facsimile Transmission. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the objections and rejections to this application and to grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and amended claims.

Please amend this application as follows: